

FORT RILEY

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Big Red One & Fort Riley Community Update

NOTES FROM LT. COL. CHRISTIAN KUBIK, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION AND FORT RILEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

Change is a constant at Fort Riley. The post continues to change physically, with new housing, traffic circles, and buildings. As we approach the summer, we see another change – a change in personnel.

The summer months are typically when Army families move. Once school lets out, Army families and Soldiers begin the arduous process of moving an entire household from one part of the country to another, or overseas.

Please make a special effort to farewell departing families, and to welcome our incoming families, in whatever way you can. Perhaps you could send over a supper or offer to baby-sit, or offer a discount in your business.

We will see several leadership changes at Fort Riley this summer. We know that we will be saying goodbye to Brig. Gen. Dana Pittard, and Brig. Gen. Jim Yarbrough will deploy to Iraq to serve forward for the Big Red One. Our Chief of Staff, Col. Walt Gilliam, is departing for Iraq, and our Garrison Commander, Col Ty Smith also leaves us this

summer. Many other key leaders, to include commanders and staff, will change over the summer as well.

Steady at the Division helm, though, is Maj. Gen. Carter Ham and Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Fourhman. At the Garrison headquarters, Ms. Linda Hoeffner carries the torch as we welcome the new Garrison Commander.

Fort Riley is a special place for the military, simply because of the hospitality of our great communities. You care, and it shows. When we arrive, we feel welcome because of you, and when we depart, it is with regret at leaving such a beautiful post with tremendous neighbors.

Change is a constant at Fort Riley. But another constant is the consistent, genuine support you provide Fort Riley. For that, all of us here say "Thank you!"

Duty First!

Lt. Col. Christian Kubik

NOTES FROM APRIL BLACKMON, COMMUNITY RELATIONS CHIEF

There are several activities happening on and around Fort Riley this summer, and I encourage you all to take part in them. The events calendar on Page 4 lists several of the events you are welcome to attend. If you have not yet seen the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard in action or listened to a 1st Infantry Division Band performance, there are plenty of opportunities to do so.

As always, your continued care and support of our Soldiers and their Families is appreciated. If you ever have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me at april.blackmon@us.army.mil.

April M. Blackmon

Approximate population figures

	Sept. '05	Sept. '06	FY 2011
Soldiers	10,060	12,533	18,300
Family members	12,714	15,695	25,660
On Post	7,751	7,854	
Off Post	4,963	7,841	17,740
Civilian Employees	5,805	8,089*	6,800
Retirees	19,752	19,928	unknown
Total	48,331	56,245	~70,000

* Includes temporary contractors for peak construction period.

Transition Teams, deployments remain top missions

TRANSITION TEAM TRAINING

Fort Riley continues training transition team service-members. June 1 will mark the one-year anniversary since the Department of Defense tasked the 1st Brigade with this mission. More than 4,000 servicemembers have gone through the 60-day training.



BG Yarbrough to take over TT oversight in Iraq



BG James Yarbrough

Brig. Gen. James Yarbrough, Assistant Division Commander (Operations) is preparing to replace Brig. Gen. Dana Pittard in Iraq and oversee the transition teams in Iraq. A departure ceremony for Brig. Gen. Yarbrough is slated to begin at 4 p.m., June 6 at Ware Parade Field.



BG Dana Pittard

Approximate numbers as of May 16:	Currently training	Trained	Total
Operation Iraqi Freedom	280	2,055	2,335
Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)	455	1,350	1,810
Total servicemembers	735	3,405	4,140

DEPLOYED/DEPLOYING UNITS

Our active duty strength on post is more than 14,000, but about 6,600 of those Soldiers are deployed. The Soldiers and Families were notified recently that their tours would be extended three months.

We ask that you keep these Soldiers and their Families back home in your thoughts.

If you can, please come to our deployment and redeployment (welcome back) ceremonies – they are always open to the public (see p. 4 for ceremony dates).

We remember

Fort Riley paid tribute to 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Soldiers Lt. Ryan Jones and Spc. Astor Sunsin-Pineda, who were killed May 2; and Spc. Robert Dixon, who was killed May 6.

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As of May 31, 102 Fort Riley Soldiers and Reservist component Soldiers, who have mobilized through Fort Riley have been killed while serving of the Global War on Terrorism.



Currently deployed (about 6,600 Soldiers total):

- 774th Ordnance Company (EOD) (Afghanistan)
- 1st Maintenance Company
- 1st Engineer Battalion
- HHC, 541st Combat Support Sustainment Battalion
- Companies B and C, 1st Battalion, 16th Inf., 1st Brigade
- Companies B and C, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, 1st Brigade
- Batteries B and D, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, 1st Brigade
- Troop D, 4th Cavalry, 1st Brigade
- HHD, 97th Military Police Battalion
- Individual elements, 10th Air Support Operations Squadron
- 4th Inf. Brigade Combat Team
- 977th Military Police Company
- 70th Engineer Battalion (Afghanistan)
- 97th Military Police Battalion working dog teams
- 266th Movement Control Team
- 24th Transportation Company
- 2-2 Heavy Equipment Transportation Detachment
- 116th Military Police Company

Scheduled to deploy (specific timeframes vary):

- F Det., 15th Finance Battalion
- Headquarters, 1st Sustainment Brigade
- Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division

DIVISION COMPOSITION

1st Infantry Division Headquarters is scheduled to modularize in fiscal year 2008, growing from 340 to 850 Soldiers.

1st Brigade Combat Team has the lead for the transition team training mission. The brigade has approximately 825 Soldiers as cadre for this mission. Additionally, the brigade has nearly 1,650 Soldiers deployed as security force elements to OIF. Upon completion of the TT mission, which has not yet been determined, the brigade will modularize and grow.

2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division still based out of Schweinfurt, Germany, is currently in Iraq. To learn more about this brigade, visit their Web site at <http://www.2bct.1id.army.mil/>

3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division is standing up at Fort Hood, Texas. The brigade eventually will be stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. Currently, the brigade has no deployment orders.

3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division personnel numbers are quickly approaching 100 percent. The brigade has launched Operation Equipment Draw. The two-month mission will be to distribute combat-essential equipment consisting of TAT (to accompany troop) and nonTAT equipment from five different motor pools. More than 30 units are being issued everything from tanks and Humvees



Soldiers with the Combat Aviation Brigade make their way through survival, evasion, rescue and escape (SERE) training in May. About 120 Soldiers from 3-1 Assault Battalion participated in the training exercises, which included dealing with an aircraft being hit and going down. Read more in the May 24 issue of the Fort Riley Post online at <http://www.riley.army.mil/>; click on "Keeping Communities Informed."



Vice President Dick Cheney made a surprise visit May 10 to COB Speicher, Iraq where he presented three 1st Engineer Bn. Soldiers awards for meritorious achievements during combat operations. Pfc. Kenneth Stell (above) was awarded a Bronze Star Medal with Valor Device. The Bronze Star is the fourth highest medal awarded for meritorious achievements while engaged against an enemy of the United States. The Valor Device symbolizes an act of combat heroism. Stell received the medal after he was engaged in three fire fights all within a two-hour time period. His valiant actions enabled coalition forces to detain 20 anti-Iraqi forces. Pfc. Paul Passi and Spc. Walter Herron were awarded the Combat Action Badge for their actions during combat operations.

to weapons and weapon scopes. The equipment is being issued so the brigade can convert into a 21st Century fighting force. Currently, no deployment orders have been received. The brigade also maintains command and control for the 70th Engineer Bn., which is deployed to Afghanistan.

4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team currently deployed as part of the troop surge to the east and west Rashid security districts in the Multinational Division-Baghdad area. It is partnered with the 3rd Stryker Brigade from Fort Lewis, Wash., and three Iraqi security force brigades. Together, the troops are clearing an area about 58 square miles, roughly the size of San Francisco, home to about 700,000 Iraqis.

Combat Aviation Brigade currently has 2,200 Soldiers assigned. The 1-1 Attack Bn. recently returned from the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. Some 500 Soldiers with the 3-1 Assault Bn. recently departed for its month-long rotation to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La.

1st Sustainment Brigade headquarters is preparing for its upcoming deployment. The brigade headquarters has approximately 270 Soldiers assigned.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS NEWS

CG's Mounted Color Guard named best Army CR program

The Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard stole the top spot in the Army's Seventh Annual Community Relations Awards in March as the best ongoing community relations program. The CGMCG has been an active part of special events on post and throughout lo-

cal and regional communities since 1992. Communities interested in learning more about the unit or about making the CGMCG a part of their event can visit the unit's Web page at <http://www.riley.army.mil/OurPost/ColorGuard.asp>

7 Missouri mayors 'adopt' Fort Riley's 1st Sustainment Brigade



Mayors from Platte County, Mo., are working with the 1st Sustainment Brigade on a plan to take care of its units overseas and Families back home.

If your group is interested in adopting units or sending letters to Soldiers, there are several programs to assist you, including one run by the JC Military Affairs Council. The CR Office at Fort Riley also can assist in finding a Fort Riley unit to support.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS EVENTS

These events are open to the public. For more information, visit www.riley.army.mil and click on the "Events" calendar or call the Community Relations Office at (785) 239-2022.

Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard will participate in the following events:

June 2 11:30 a.m.	Heritage Days Main Street, Stafford
June 8 6:30 p.m.	Hanover Days of '49 Hanover
June 9 1:30 p.m.	Heritage Days Main Street, Lexington, Mo.
June 12-17 Various times	Buffalo Bill Days North Platte, Neb.
June 16 All day	Wah Shun Gah Days parade Council Grove
June 16 9 a.m.	Olsburg June Festival Downtown Olsburg

1st Infantry Division Band will participate in the following events:

June 3 2 p.m.	Sylvan Grove Community Concert City Park, Sylvan Grove
June 8 6:30 p.m.	Hanover Days of '49 Hanover
June 9 10 a.m.	Junction City Juneteenth parade 12th Street, Junction City
June 16 9 a.m.	Manhattan Juneteenth parade Poyntz Ave., Manhattan
June 21 7 p.m.	CG's Summer Concert Series — Rock Band Barracks area 7003, Fort Riley

CEREMONIES & EVENTS

You are invited to attend the following ceremonies and events.

For more information, call the Community Relations Office at (785) 239-2022.

- **June 6** — 1st Bn., 5th Field Artillery Change of Command, 9 a.m., Ware Parade Field
- **June 6** — Departure ceremony for BG James Yarbrough, 4 p.m., Ware Parade Field
- **June 8** — 1st Bn., 16th Infantry Change of Command, 9 a.m., Ware Parade Field
- **June 12** — 10th Air Support Operations Squadron Change of Command, 9 a.m., Cavalry Parade Field
- **June 13** — Sustainment Bde. Deployment Ceremony, 9 a.m., Cavalry Parade Field
- **June 14** — Army Birthday Celebration, 10 a.m., outside Cavalry Museum
- **June 22** — 84th Ordnance Disposal Battalion (EOD) Activation Ceremony, 9 a.m., Cavalry Museum lawn
- **June 26** — DENTAC Change of Command, 9 a.m., Ware Parade Field
- **June 29** — Combat Aviation Brigade Change of Command, 9 a.m., Cavalry Parade Field

For more information, visit www.riley.army.mil and click on "Current News"

Mechanic pursues different dream from most women

The 1st Infantry Division will celebrate its 90th birthday June 8. The 14,000 or so U.S. troops who made up the beginnings of the 1st ID arrived in France in June 1917 and were followed by more Soldiers who would round out the division ranks at about 25,000 by the end of the year.

TRAINING ITEMS OF INTEREST

Ongoing: Various Combat Aviation Brigade elements are conducting day and night missions in preparation for the brigade's upcoming Iraq deployment. Night flights are a large part of the unit's mission in theater.

Federal job information at Fort Riley is available on the internet. For information about the variety of opportunities, visit the employment Web site at <http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/Fort/EmploymentOpp.asp>

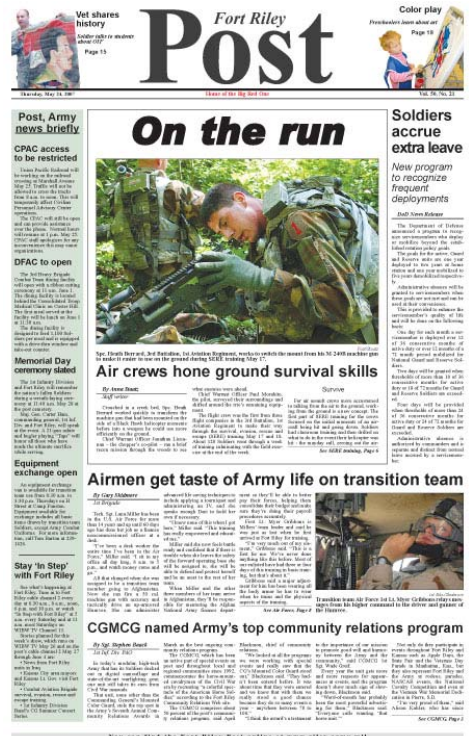
There are two primary Federal employment Programs: **Appropriated Fund** (APF or Civil Service) and **Non-Appropriated Fund** (NAF). **APF and NAF Vacancies** are listed at the Army Civilian Personnel Online at www.cpol.army.mil. Or call the local Civilian Personnel Office at (785) 239-6004 for more information.

contracts, as well as Fort Riley area construction business opportunities and information on submitting bids. For more information, visit <http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/Fort/Contracting.asp>

AAFES (Army and Air Force Exchange Service) employment opportunities are available. Visit <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/default.asp> for more information.

Stay InTouch with Fort Riley. E-mails about upcoming job opportunities are available by visiting <http://www.riley.army.mil/view/article.asp?id=013-2005-02-08-47167-2> and joining the InTouch list.

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Fort Riley's FY 2006 Economic Impact Statement is now available online. Fort Riley's economic impact was more than \$1 billion. To learn more, visit <http://www.riley.army.mil> and click on "Keeping Communities Informed"